

Christy Mathewson

IT'S curving and twisty, the pitching of Christy, it bothers the artists who stand at the plate; the idol of fandom n'er pitches at random, he uses his brains and he keeps them on straight. The outlook is misty for men facing Christy, and teams hunting pennants get goose eggs instead; for Christy, the clinber, is student and thinker; he uses his brains, and also his head. The blue ribbon, his—yes you see how he's risen—his fame has extended from Rutland to Rome; he is the Old Master, who dodges disaster, because when he's working he uses his dome. "Phenoms" we've a plenty, we've eighteen or twenty, each season, dispensing a big line of talk; but Christy, the clever, is with us forever, because he's the pitcher who uses his block. We can't all be pitchers, for some must be ditchers, and others be farmers—whatever our jobs, we're sure to be rising to summit surprising, if always, when working, we're using our knobs. (Copyright by George M. Adams.)

Accuracy

AN AUTOMOBILE headlight of high power can be seen for 120 miles through the telescope of a theodolite such as that used by the geodetic survey. This means is used in geodetic surveying through this section of high altitudes and clear atmosphere, by the surveyors carrying on the very accurate work of running base lines along the parallels of latitude and the meridians of longitude. The United States government has surveyed more than 10,000 miles of base lines by the method known as primary triangulation. The precision necessary for this work is of as high an order as any known to physical science; it is described in a recent issue of the National Geographic magazine. Inasmuch as throughout west Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico there are many monumental stations on mountains and in cities, connected with the most recent surveys of this character, there is general interest in the subject. The Franklin mountains have a number of monumental peaks, and the odd shaped concrete monument in Cleveland square is one of the important stations of the southwestern surveys. The usefulness of the automobile headlight has proved itself in many instances where the lines joining stations are often more than 100 miles long, and some method of signaling had to be devised that would enable surveyors to keep in touch with each other over such distances. In daylight, a reflecting instrument is used which utilizes the rays of the sun. But the service of this instrument is limited because in daytime there are so many conflicting lights and reflections that absolutely correct readings are difficult.

Consequently the most exact work is now done at night, and the automobile headlight, easily transportable together with its gas tank, is used to signal. Longitude is determined by the relative time of the passing of certain stars over an imaginary arc in the sky which passes from pole to pole through the zenith. Observers at distant points, in touch by means of the headlight signal, flash the time of their readings of the star passages, as seen through the telescope, and thus the exact air line distance between two points may be determined. Having this, it is easy to make the necessary correction to conform to the curve of the earth.

The work of the geodetic survey is so exact that allowance is made for the time which elapses between the brain's impression, through the eye, of the passing of a star across the meridian, and the brain's transmission of the fact to the motor nerves resulting in the observer touching a telegraphic key or an electric button. It is so exact that the utmost permitted error in running a line a mile long is 1-334 of an inch to the right or left. The greatest error permitted in leveling work is one inch in 500 miles.

The lines on the scale of degrees on the theodolite are invisible to the naked eye. When the operator reads the scale, he reads it three times, through three separate microscopes of high power, each at a different angle, to guard against possible error, and then he reads and rereads to check his own readings. Linear distances are measured with a tape composed of an alloy of nickel and steel, not affected by heat or cold, and stretched each time to a certain tension as shown by a spring balance.

Every high school boy understands the principle of triangulation. Having a base line of known length, a given point in the distance is observed from each end of the line and the angle found. It is then easy to calculate the exact distance of the object. This is the method used on warships to obtain the correct range of a target.

Triangulation work or other surveying in a mountainous country is made easier by the high peaks used as stations. But in low flat country or in timber, high towers must be erected or other means used to obtain such an elevation as will permit observation over a wide area. In a perfectly level country an object 20 miles away could not be seen except from an elevation at least 60 feet high. In big timber, stations are erected in tree tops, sometimes at an elevation of 200 feet or more.

Such is the extreme care taken to prevent error, that all nations accept the determinations of the United States geodetic survey as standard; the basis of all astronomical measurement in the world is the geodetic survey's data upon the exact shape and diameter of the earth.

The machine owned by the survey and used in engraving the graduated scales on theodolites and other instruments, is so sensitive that the room in which it stands is kept all the time at blood heat, so that the presence of a man in the room will not, by causing metal to expand, affect the machine's accuracy.

Now for the convention—and Ball men will be as welcome as Ferguson men, for that is El Paso's way.

Somebody wants to know if there is an Aunt Sam to go with our favorite uncle. The suffragets ought to tell us.

The campaign of Dick Croker to oust Murphy in New York ought to furnish the nation considerable amusement this fall.

No more politics for El Paso till next spring.

El Paso could have defeated congressman W. R. Smith for reelection but El Paso has the knack of picking the good ones and holding on to them.

Contrary to the usual belief, the lowest death rates are usually found in cities, not in rural districts. The explanation is simple: in the cities sanitation and hygiene are more widely taught and practiced.

California has 30,000 Italians settled on orchards and vineyards. Louisiana has large colonies of thrifty Italian sugar makers. The Italian laborer far surpasses the negro in the cotton country. The typical Italian immigrant who comes to this country is by heredity, experience, and preference an agriculturist, and it has been said that after making his second crop as a tenant farmer the Italian insists on buying the farm.

El Paso has a great reputation far and wide for hospitality to her visitors. There is a fine old English phrase that hits it off just right. "He is our bread-and-salt brother," they say of a casual guest at table, received into the hearts of his hosts.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1900.

E. Krause has returned from Alamogordo. Herbert Maple has returned from Arizona.

Chris Yager came down from Jarilla last night.

A. J. King returned to the city last night from Captain.

Elder Adolph Hoffman went up to Alamogordo this morning.

David Payne has fallen a victim to the charms of Cloudcroft.

Maurice Kemp and Robert Nell will leave next week for Los Angeles.

J. Callisher leaves for the east Wednesday, where he will join his family.

W. R. Brown came up from Chihuahua yesterday and returned this morning.

J. W. Magoffin has gone to Cloudcroft to spend a few days with his family.

Miss Winslow, of Chihuahua, who has been visiting Miss Ethel Christie, returned home today.

The special train over the White Oaks took approximately 75 people to Cloudcroft this morning.

Senor Jacobo Blanco, the Mexican boundary commissioner, took his wife and daughter to Cloudcroft yesterday morning.

There will be an interesting baseball game between the El Paso Colts and the G. H. club Sunday afternoon at Athletic park.

Alderman Jim Clifford returned this morning from an extended visit to his old home in Europe. He will be accompanied by a nephew who will make his home here.

Superintendent T. S. Austin and Harry Lockhart, of the El Paso smelter, returned yesterday from New Mexico, where they have been for the past three weeks fishing in the head waters of the Texas river.

Building permits were issued today to Mrs. W. S. Hills for the erection of a business place on Texas near Stanton street, and to J. H. Goodman for a place of business and a store, on lots 1 and 2, block 33, Campbell's addition, at an estimated value of \$4,000.

The Season's Serial Sensation

In the Web of Life

Constance Runs to Warn Tom of Possible Danger.

By Virginia Terhune Van de Water.

THE question repeated itself to the motionless girl crouching by the open window. For whom was that man down there waiting? At first her brain seemed too much dazed to grasp more than that one on the path. She had hardly discerned this when she was startled by the sound of a cautious step approaching from the corner of the house. She caught her breath with surprise as Ralph's voice sounded, very low. "Peter," he murmured, "is that you?"

"Yes, sir," came from the waiting figure, as it moved forward to meet the new comer.

He had only a moment, so pay attention to what I have to say. Ralph looked at the man with a keen eye.

"No, as soon as I meet you you can go back home. I will not need you again tonight. Now hurry."

The figure hurried—one gliding out of the side gate to the garden, the other stroiling back to the front veranda. When she heard Edith descending to the lower hall Constance went to the head of the stairs and listened.

That her action might be construed into eavesdropping—which she detested—never occurred to her. She must know what Ralph was going to do, where he was going—for a great fear had gripped her heart.

She heard him greet Edith cheerfully as she went out of the front door. "Suppose we walk around the garden," he proposed. "before I go home."

"Are you going so soon?" Edith asked in surprise, and the man replied that when he had telephoned to his house a while ago he had learned that his mother was not feeling very well and would like to have him come home early. Peter told him this when he talked with him and he really felt that, under the circumstances—

Constance had heard enough. She returned to her room and closed her door. Then she stood still for a long minute.

There are times in the life of many a person when, for a brief period, one seems almost clairvoyant, almost able to read the mind of another. This minute—

The Daily Novelle

RUNNED!

Upon his head he knew
He prayed for rain—
The rain it came too late,
Never again!

PONSONBY CLUTCH breathed hard as he looked from the ground that his own hands had tilled so laboriously to the smiling sky above.

Aye, smile, hard sky! Smile on! For three weeks there has been no drop of rain, no hint of grateful moisture to refresh the parching growing things in the baking earth!

Drouth! Drouth! Drouth! Drouth! Drouth! Drouth! Drouth!

Ponsonby Clutch ground his teeth with helpless rage. The labor of months will go for naught, naught! he moaned.

IL. Gradually the contending parties went out to smile maliciously. Once or twice a small cloud ran mockingly across the blue.

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ute, while she stood there, was one of those periods in the life of Constance Munford, the knock-although she did not understand how she knew—that Ralph was going out alone to meet Tom Morton. He had heard, as she had heard, the state telephone to Tom had heard him insist that he must come to-night even if he could not get here before 10 o'clock. Tom's presence at this juncture would mean the overthrow of Ralph's plans, might mean the destruction of that for which he had worked and schemed.

If the father told the discarded lover of the charges brought against Constance by Ralph Morton, Tom would tell the truth about Ralph—driven to this extreme righteous wrath. The truth of Tom's friendship for her had thrilled Constance only a little while ago. Now it terrified her, for she appreciated that if the accusations brought against her by Ralph were repeated to Tom, Ralph would have to bear the penalty of his foul lies. And she also knew that Ralph knew this and would not prevent.

But how?

The answer seemed to whisper itself suddenly through the silent room. "Certainly not fair means—then surely by foul!"

The frightened girl started as if stung by lightning.

"Tom!" she gasped. "I must stop him! I must warn you!"

She touched the button of the electric light, and the radiance flashed forth, ran to her closet, took from a book a long, dark cloak and threw it around her, snatching a black veil from her bureau drawer she would take this about her head. These actions took but a moment, yet as she slipped on the cloak she heard a quarter past nine, she muttered.

Then, switching off the light, she stole noiselessly down the back stairs and got into politics and a moment later was running down the street toward the distant road leading from the Port Lee to Homewood.

(To Be Continued.)

Robespierre

BY GEORGE FITCH.
Author of "At Good Old Swarth."

ROBESPIERRE was a French lawyer with exemplary habits, a good reputation and a long slanting forehead, who lived in the provinces and got into politics just before the French revolution.

Robespierre was noted as a debater and writer in his native province and was a devoted patriot, having only the good of his country at heart. This teaches us that men with narrow, selfish aims, inefficiently equipped on the inside should not be allowed to monkey with patriotism or other dangerous, explosive, ideas.

Those were very troubled days in France and after the king had been safely fled away in prison and most of the nobility had been chased over the border, the common people were to discuss the best way of ruling themselves. There were a great many varying opinions, supported by different parties and the various contending parties butchered each other and when hard work with the executioner's axe became too slow and tedious the guillotine was invented.

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until it became evident to all that it was continued France would become purified but unpolluted. He was therefore denounced in the convention and executed himself—but not until he had given the French revolution a record of barbarity which will stain it forever.

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"This Is My Birthday Anniversary"

HERE is an exhortation that reads, "Let patience have her perfect work," and it means a lot more than young folks usually think. Boys and girls do not realize how much they can be doing for their future by exercising patience in small ways. The ability to be quiet, to wait without getting into a stew, means health and happiness, and practice in these ways should begin in childhood.

Today's birthday anniversary list reads:

Glebe Deer, 15.
William Gorman, 8.
Lila Dale, 14.
Sam Russell, 9.
James Jacobs was 1 year old yesterday.
"Miss Birthday" has a ticket to the Bijou for each boy and girl named above. Call at The Herald office for it.

camp at Douglas which is a nice little city with pleasant people.

"I was certainly proud of that cowboy who resented the Spaniard's insulting remark about El Paso women," said a prominent business woman.

"American women have had to endure all sorts of insults on the streets by impudent refugees, and it is a relief that there is a hope that no more such conduct will be tolerated. To ship them back to Europe would be the right treatment in my opinion, and I am sure it is also the opinion of other business women."

"Grover Hayes is an opponent for a lightweight of class at Juarez would prove a good drawing card," said R. Tipton.

"Hayes is a big favorite with the fans of Juarez and El Paso, due chiefly to his clean work in the Juarez fight with Dundee Sunday afternoon."

"I am sure that if the veteran were matched against a good boy, the card would prove highly attractive. According to Remy Dorr, manager of Hayes, the Philadelphia had not fought in four months and this will account for his apparent mediocrity showing against Dundee. Then again, that chance punch in the first round would have been a victory for Hayes."

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